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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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Reg. No. 2469

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1 April 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary, March 1945.
Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 1CL-45.
Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, March 1945.

1 March

ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships Pacific.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander Frederick N. Klein, Jr., USNR.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier (Task Force 06)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 06.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 06.3.1)
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
6 ZNP: K-37, K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Operations during March consisted mainly of escorts and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships, three of which are customarily utilized for escort missions, special missions, air sea rescue patrols, weather observation and reporting, and one for radar calibration tests and exercises.

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K-119 completed a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines, results were negative.

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K-87 was requested by JOC, Seattle to locate LST 853 and relay her position. This mission was accomplished.

2 March

K-119 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

3 March

K-87 conducted search for mine in vicinity of 43° 30' N., 127° 23' W. Results were negative.

4 March

K-37 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 5. Results were negative.

K-79 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 6. Results were negative.

K-87 searched Cape Blanco area on report of emergency IFF signal. Results were negative.

5 March

K-37 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 5. Results were negative.

K-103 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 6. Results were negative.

6 March

K-103 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 6. Results were negative.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

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7 March

K-37 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 6.
Results were negative.

K-103 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 5.
Results were negative.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

8 March

K-103 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 6.
Results were negative.

K-119 conducted search for mine in conjunction with patrol of Xray 5.
Results were negative.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

10 March

K-87 conducted radar calibration for USS ALABAMA (BB60) and also operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard. On flight from NAS Tillamook to Puget Sound Navy Yard two life rafts were sighted in vicinity of mouth of Willapa Bay. Air Plot, Astoria was notified.

11 March

K-119 and K-71 conducted search for YF 923 in vicinity of 46° 08' N., 126° 35' W. Results were negative.

12 March

K-37 was ordered to search for YF 923 in vicinity of JPAD 0016. YF 923 was subsequently located by a PBM 38 miles west of Grays Harbor. K-103 and K-119 stood by YF 923 until relieved by a Coast Guard vessel.

13 March

K-87 conducted radar calibration for USS ALABAMA (BB60) in vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

15 March

On this date a directive was received from Commander Northwestern Sector, to discontinue anti-submarine patrols. Accordingly, the function of this command will be to provide coverage for escort missions, to conduct searches pursuant to intelligence received and to conduct utility flights such as

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radar calibration, air sea rescue, and weather observation.

K-103 located tug VALLEY FORGE and tow and transmitted position to Air Plot, Astoria.

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

16 March

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS ALABAMA (BB60) and also operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

18 March

K-103, while making approach to base on return from flight, crashed into Tillamook Bay. No injuries to personnel were sustained. Major damage was received by the airship. Cause of the accident was attributed to 90% personnel, 10% weather.

20 March

K-79 and K-87 were ordered to search for a YMS between Tillamook and Yaquina Head. The search was discontinued when the YMS was subsequently discovered in the Straits of Juan de Fuca. K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

21 March

K-79 conducted search for YR 71 which was located and position transmitted to Air Plot, Astoria.

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

22 March

K-87 search for and located SS SEGUIN and YR 71. Air Plot, Astoria and Coast Guard were notified.

K-71 search for and located YR 70 which had broken loose from SS SEGUIN. The Coast Guard was notified and the airship stood by until relieved by ATR 24.

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23 March

K-119 conducted calibration for USS MONTEREY (CVL 26) and operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

24 March

K-87, while on an air sea rescue patrol, was requested by 3 LCS's to give them their position. This request was complied with.

26 March

K-119 conducted radar calibration for USS NASHVILLE (CL 43).

27 March

Rear Admiral J. J. Ballentine, USN, Commander, Fleet Air Seattle, visited the squadron.

28 March

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

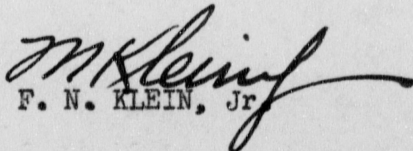
29 March

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.
K-119 conducted flight to photograph and observe torpedo firing, Navy Torpedo Range, Keyport, Washington.

31 March

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Due to weather there were two non-operational days during the month. Weather data recorded at NAS Tillamook indicated that in the month of March there were 29 days with precipitation. Total precipitation was 11.4 inches. Wind in gusts up to 48 knots was recorded.


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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1945
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK UNIT 06.3.1)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-45 (SERIAL 01) NW SEC, ESE

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP KING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
1	K37	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	ESCORT (8)	0000	1.1	.7	20	000t	40	44	15-25, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED 8 LSTs
1	K37	LT(JG) ORZGEN (8)	PATROL	0654	12.4	11.5	23	000t	38	471	14-37, 1500-UNL, 12	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 281850
1	K79	LT(JG) BARR (6)	UTILITY	0904	7.1	7.1	20	000t	50	355	18-25, 2200, 7-12	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LSE, PSMT
1	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	PATROL	0649	12.3	11.7	20	350t	38	467	10-30, UNL, 15-UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 281850. AT REQUEST OF AIR CONTROL ENSEC, LOCATE AND RELAY POSITION OF LST 853.
1	K103	LT(JG) ZIRALE (9)	PATROL	0711	12.2	11.4	30	350t	30	366	12-40, 1000-UNL, 6-18	NONE	PATROLLED KRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 281850.
1	K119	LIEUT. LIRIS (8)	SEARCH	0000	9.8	9.8	20	345t	32	343	10-30, UNL, UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
1	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	SEARCH	1858	13.8	13.8	20	000t	35	485	12-30, 1000-UNL, UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
2	K37	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	TRAINING	0503	12.5	12.5	30	310t	47	688	8-40, 0-2500, 1-6	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED FOR REFRESH, CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT.
2	K97	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (1)	0309	14.9	14.4	37	310t	32	478	10-45, 200-1000, 1-10	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>SCOTT</u> (APA 147)
2	K103	LIEUT. KLINK (8)	ESCORT (1)	0332	13.5	13.0	35	311t	48	636	30-45, 100-UNL, 1-15	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>SCOTT</u> (APA 147)
2	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	SEARCH	1949	13.0	13.0	25	310t	35	455	15-35, 1000-2000, 15	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
3	K37	LT(JG) ZIRALE (8)	PATROL	0725	11.7	11.2	20	310t	48	562	10-30, 300-2000, 15	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 021944.
3	K79	LT(JG) BARR (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0912	4.7	4.7	12	180t	50	235	3-15, 700-1000, 2-12	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS SECTOR TO NAS TILLAMOOK.
3	K87	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	SEARCH	0650	12.4	12.4	30	310t	24	298	25-35, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN THE VICINITY OF 46° 30' N, 127° 33' W, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
3	K103	LT(JG) ORZGEN (8)	PATROL	0719	12.3	11.6	20	040t	40	490	7-30, 1000-UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 021944.
4	K37	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	SEARCH PATROL	0741	11.7	11.0	20	310t	52	608	3-25, 1500-2500, 30	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF KRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 031920.
4	K71	ENS. JACKSON (9)	TEST	1323	2.9	2.9	10	310t	36	104	10, 600-5000, 30	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
4	K79	LIEUT. ANDERSON (8)	SEARCH PATROL	0746	11.2	10.7	20	000t	50	560	15-28, 1000, 15	105 HDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF KRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 031920
4	K87	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	PATROL	0721	14.2	13.5	25	350t	45	639	10-30, 2500-UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 031920. INVESTIGATED CAPE BLANCO AREA FOR BROAD IFF SIGNAL, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
4	K103	LIEUT. KLINK (8)	PATROL	0713	12.3	11.7	14	340t	48	590	6-20, 1000-2000, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED KRAY 4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 031920.
4	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0652	11.9	11.3	13	045t	43	512	8-18, 10,000, 25	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 031920.
5	K37	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	SEARCH PATROL	0748	6.5	5.7	35	190t	34	221	30-45, 100-600, 2-10	1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 5 FLARE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF KRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 042214. AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
5	K71	LIEUT. HOSMER (8)	PATROL	0755	7.3	6.7	27	120t	43	314	15-30, 600-1000, 2-30	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 042214.
5	K103	LT(JG) ZIRALE (8)	SEARCH PATROL	0713	7.2	6.3	25	180t	43	310	15-35, 300-3000, 2-15	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF KRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNOSSSF DISPATCH 042214. BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

NOTE: COLUMN 10 - AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS.

COLUMN 11 - TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.

COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.

COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

COLUMN 14 - CNOSSSF - COMMANDER NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

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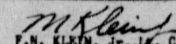
D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
5	K119	LT(JG) ORZSEN (8)	PATROL	0728	7.6	6.8	30	180t	36	27k	25-35, 1500, 15	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 042214. BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
6	K37	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0724	11.4	11.0	17	310t	43	490	12-23, 2000-5000, 15	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 051820.
6	K71	LIEUT. KLINK (9)	ESCORT (1)	0613	12.4	12.1	6	310t	50	620	4-16, 2000-3000, UNL	14 RDS 50 CAL	ESCORTED USS <u>GENERAL E.T. COLLINS</u> (AP 147)
6	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	UTILITY	0732	8.3	8.3	10	045t	54	448	3-15, 4000-UNL, 10-30	NONE	TOOK OFF TILLAMOOK, CONDUCTED OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY, LANDED NAAS SHELTON.
6	K103	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	SEARCH PATROL	0659	12.4	11.6	17	350t	48	595	10-25, 2500, 15-UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 051820.
6	K119	LT(JG) HABB (8)	ESCORT (1)	0206	14.2	13.7	12	000t	55	781	10-20, 1500-3000, 25	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>GENERAL E.T. COLLINS</u> (AP 147)
7	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS (9)	SEARCH PATROL	0710	6.6	5.9	37	195t	18	119	30-47, 2000, 25	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 061846. BOMBS EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
7	K71	LIEUT. LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0729	8.5	7.9	40	200t	25	213	35-50, 600-2000, 10	3 MK 5 FLARES 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 061846. BOMBS EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
7	K87	LT(JG) MACKREY (7)	UTILITY	0933	4.9	4.9	25	180t	55	264	13-25, 1200-2100, 10	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
7	K103	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	SEARCH PATROL	0705	5.9	4.4	38	180t	25	148	28-45, 600-2000, 8-20	2 MK 41 DEPTH BOMBS	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 061846. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
7	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	PATROL	0739	5.4	4.3	42	185t	24	130	40-50, 1000-2000, 10	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 061846. BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
8	K37	LIEUT. WOHFEL (9)	PATROL	0727	11.8	11.1	21	210t	44	519	14-22, 1500-2200, 20	33 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 071744.
8	K71	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	PATROL	0707	12.0	11.4	20	180t	40	490	10-25, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 071744.
8	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (7)	UTILITY	0851	11.2	11.2	20	210t	30	336	15-25, 2000, 10	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY, LANDED NAS TILLAMOOK.
8	K103	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	SEARCH	0733	12.3	12.3	15	225t	38	468	10-23, 2000-5000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 071744.
8	K119	LIEUT. KLINK (9)	SEARCH	0701	12.2	12.2	28	180t	37	451	20-30, 1000-2000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 071744.
10	K37	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	1042	10.3	9.7	12	225t	60	618	8-20, 2000-5000, 20	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 091950.
10	K71	LIEUT. TYLER (9)	PATROL	0737	11.7	11.1	8	295t	46	538	4-13, 2000-UNL, 20	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 091950.
10	K79	LIEUT. CARTON (10)	TEST	0856	2.8	2.8	11	270t	16	45	8-16, 3000, 30	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES; BOMB DROPPED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
10	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (7)	UTILITY	0711	8.5	8.5	25	225t	50	350	20-30, 3000, 20-UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS <u>ALABAMA</u> (BB 60); AND CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY. SIGHTED TWO EMPTY LIFE RAFTS IN VICINITY OF WILLAPA BAY; NOTIFIED ASTORIA AIR PLANT.
10	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (7)	MISCELLANEOUS	1550	3.1	3.1	15	225t	50	155	10-20, 3000, 30	NONE	FIXED FLIGHT FROM NAAS SHELTON TO NAS TILLAMOOK.

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 F.N. KLEIN, Jr., Lt. Comdr., USN
 Commanding

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(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK UNIT 063.1.)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-45 (SERIAL 01) NW SEC WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON WASHINGTON

D A T E	S H I P	3 C O M M A N D P I L O T	4 M I S S I O N	5 T I M E O F T A K E - O F F	6 H O U R S		7 A V E. W I N D		10 S P D.	11 D I S T.	12 W E A T H E R L I M I T S (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	13 A M M U N I T I O N E X P E N D E D	14 R E M A R K S
					IN A I R	ON M I S S I O N	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
10	K103	LT(JG) BABB (8)	ESCORT (1)	0724	11.6	11.0	13	270t	50	580	8-18, 1500-2500, 25-30	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>COLLINGSWORTH</u> , (APA 146)
10	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	ESCORT (1)	1137	12.6	12.1	15	180t	45	567	10-20, 1000-2000, 25	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>COLLINGSWORTH</u> , (APA 146)
11	K71	LT(JG) OERZEN (8)	SEARCH	0659	6.6	6.6	20	180t	48	317	15-30, 1000, 3	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YF 923; BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
11	K119	LT(JG) EDRALE (8)	SEARCH	0656	6.4	6.4	22	180t	48	307	17-28, 200-1000, 5	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YF 923; BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
12	K37	LT(JG) BABB (8)	SEARCH	0700	12.1	12.1	10	310t	45	545	10-20, 1000-2000, 25	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YF 923
12	K71	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	ESCORT (4)	0543	10.3	9.9	12	310t	50	515	10-14, 3000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED LSTs 476, 40, 31, 853
12	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (4)	1124	10.5	9.7	10	270t	50	525	8-15, 1000-5000, 20	NONE	ESCORTED LSTs 476, 40, 31, 853.
12	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (7)	UTILITY	0524	7.5	7.5	10	217t	50	375	7-15, 1500, 10	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO NAS SHELTON; OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
12	K103	LIEUT. ALLEN (8)	UTILITY	0716	17.6	17.6	15	310t	45	792	6-15, 600-1000, 2-UNL	6 MK 43 PRAC BOMBS 5 MK 5 FLARES 3 MK 4 FLARES 1 DYE MARKER	STOOD BY YF 923 UNTIL RELIEVED BY COAST GUARD VESSEL
12	K119	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	UTILITY	2223	11.0	11.0	6	220t	19	209	3-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	STOOD BY YF 923 UNTIL RELIEVED BY COAST GUARD VESSEL
13	K37	LT(JG) EDRALE (9)	PATROL	0700	8.1	7.3	30	180t	42	340	15-40, 200-2000, 2-20	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 2 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLLED EARLY AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 122016.
13	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0837	7.6	6.9	30	210t	40	304	22-41, 600-2000, 1-30	NONE	PATROLLED REAR 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 122016
13	K79	LT(JG) WHALEN (8)	ESCORT (4)	0503	12.0	11.2	25	210t	55	660	15-40, 150-2500, 1-20	NONE	ESCORTED LSTs 476, 40, 31, 853
13	K87	LT(JG) WACKY (6)	UTILITY	0836	5.9	5.9	23	120t	50	295	15-30, 200-3000, 3-10	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS <u>ALABAMA</u> (BB 60)
13	K103	LT(JG) OERZEN (9)	PATROL	0708	9.6	8.7	19	210t	42	403	7-26, 1000-4000, 5-30	NONE	PATROLLED EARLY AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 122016
14	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	1443	3.4	3.4	30	270t	61	207	15-35, 300-1500, 5	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS SHELTON TO NAS TILLAMOOK
15	K37	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	ESCORT (1)	0846	12.4	11.6	19	210t	31	384	10-26, 600-2000, 2-20	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>COLLINGSWORTH</u> , (APA 146)
15	K71	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	ESCORT (1)	0500	14.4	12.7	25	300t	40	576	10-35, 1000-2000, UNL	3 MK 5 FLARES	ESCORTED USS <u>SARATOGA</u> (CV 3)
15	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	ESCORT (1)	0405	13.4	12.5	27	150t	40	536	6-40, 600-3000, 10	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>COLLINGSWORTH</u> , (APA 146)
15	K87	LT(JG) WHALEN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0849	13.9	13.3	20	270t	48	667	10-30, 1000-3000, 25	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>SARATOGA</u> (CV 3)
15	K103	LIEUT. ANDERSON (8)	SEARCH	0704	12.1	12.1	25	220t	42	508	15-30, 600-1500, 5-25	NONE	SEARCH FOR TUG <u>VALLEY FORGE</u> & TOW, LOCATED TOW, POSITION SENT TO AIR PLAT ASTORIA.
15	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (7)	UTILITY	0854	7.3	7.3	15	150t	53	387	10-22, 50-1700, 8	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
16	K37	LIEUT. KLINK (8)	TRAINING	0421	6.8	6.8	25	180t	40	272	15-35, 500-1000, 3-UNL	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE WEATHER, CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT.
16	K37	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	TRAINING	1117	5.5	5.5	20	140t	41	226	10-25, 600-1500, 5-15	NONE	AIR SEA RESCUE TRAINING FLIGHT IN GUNNERY AREA 33.
16	K71	LT(JG) BABB (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0709	11.2	10.2	20	130t	40	448	15-25, 800-1500, 5-12	NONE	IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 152200 CONDUCTED AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL SECTOR BACK.
16	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	TRAINING	0801	8.6	8.6	25	180t	35	301	20-30, 600-1000, 10-15	6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	AIR SEA RESCUE TRAINING FLIGHT IN SECTOR EAST.
16	K87	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	PATROL (ASR)	0714	10.8	10.0	25	110t	30	324	15-35, 1000, 15	NONE	IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSF DISPATCH 152200 CONDUCTED AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL SECTOR ABL.
16	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	UTILITY	0832	7.5	7.5	20	110t	48	360	15-25, 500-4000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS <u>ALABAMA</u> (BB 60) CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH LAB, PSNY.

NOTE: COLUMN 10-AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS. COLUMN 11-TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.
COLUMN 3-AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4-AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1945
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK UNIT 06.2.1)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-45 (SERIAL 01) NW SEC, WSF

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZAP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISS- ION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
17	K37	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0631	6.5	6.0	15	090t	47	306	10-20, 2000-3000, 15	1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	ESCORTED USS <u>BORTHEA L. DILL</u> (AP 67) BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
17	K71	LT(JG) WAHLEN (8)	ESCORT (1)	1307	8.4	7.9	22	310t	45	378	20-35, 1000-2500, 20	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>BORTHEA L. DILL</u> (AP 67)
17	K103	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0259	8.8	8.0	18	000t	53	466	5-25, 1000-2000, 2-13	NONE	ESCORTED SS <u>BLOEMFONTEIN</u>
17	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0845	2.4	2.4	15	045t	63	151	15-20, 600-1500, 5-10	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS SHELTON TO NAAS TILLAMOOK.
18	K71	LIEUT. TYLER (8)	UTILITY	0754	10.4	10.4	30	197t	33	343	19-34, 300-1500, 5-15	NONE	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAAS 13 ND AERONAUTICS DEPARTMENT.
18	K103	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0532	10.9	10.9	35	180t	45	491	30-45, 600-1000, 6-10	2 MK 41 DEPTH BOMBS	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE TO: INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AIR CONTROL; SHIP'S RADAR OUT; REDUCED VISIBILITY IN AREA. CRASHED IN TILLAMOOK BAY 1625T, NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL.
20	K37	LIEUT. TYLER (9)	UTILITY	0838	7.4	7.4	10	180t	40	296	5-15, 1000, 10	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	ASSISTED SEARCH FOR BOBS LOST IN CRASH OF K103. BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
20	K71	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON (8)	UTILITY	0833	9.5	9.5	12	345t	50	475	8-15, 1000-UNL, 25	NONE	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAAS 13 ND AERONAUTICS DEPARTMENT.
20	K79	LIEUT. KLINK (9)	SEARCH	0930	8.6	8.6	7	220t	41	353	4-17, 600-2000, 10-15	20 RDS 50 CAL 2 MK 5 FLARES 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	SEARCH CONDUCTED FOR YMS IN THE VICINITY OF YAGUENA HEAD DISCON- TINUED WHEN YMS REPORTED IN STRAITS JUAN DE FUCA; REMAINDER OF FLIGHT CONSISTED OF AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL SECTOR KING ABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSP DISPATCH 191856. BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
20	K87	LT(JG) ZIDRALE (8)	SEARCH	0937	8.7	8.7	5	180t	46	400	1-12, 600-2000, 15	1 BRONZE SLICK 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	SEARCH CONDUCTED FOR YMS IN THE VICINITY OF YAGUENA HEAD DISCON- TINUED WHEN YMS REPORTED IN STRAITS JUAN DE FUCA; REMAINDER OF FLIGHT CONSISTED OF AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL SECTOR KING ABLE AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSP DISPATCH 191856. BOMB EXPENDED FOR TRAINING.
20	K119	LT(JG) ZIMMEL (9)	UTILITY	0900	7.7	7.7	12	220t	50	385	9-17, 500-2500, 2-25	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
21	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS (7)	TRAINING	1102	3.8	3.8	10	180t	30	114	5-15, 2000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS.
21	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	PATROL (ASR)	0803	7.9	7.2	25	160t	40	316	18-35, 2000, 15	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNAWSP DISPATCH 20010 PATROLLED SECTOR KING ABLE; BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
21	K79	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	SEARCH	0706	9.5	9.5	15	180t	45	428	10-20, 3000, 5	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YR-71, LOCATED AND POSITION GIVEN TO AIR PLOT ASTORIA.
21	K87	LT(JG) WAHLEN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0505	11.3	10.8	23	180t	50	565	18-35, 500, 1	NONE	ESCORTED SS <u>JOHN D. BEEBE</u>
21	K119	LT(JG) MACKAY (7)	UTILITY	0840	6.3	6.3	10	100t	42	265	2-15, 500-UNL, 2-UNL	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
22	K37	LIEUT. TYLER (9)	PATROL (ASR)	1432	4.3	3.8	15	210t	58	244	17-20, 1200-3000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED AIR-SEA RESCUE PATROL IN SECTOR KING ABLE.
22	K71	LT(JG) ZIDRALE (8)	SEARCH	0935	10.2	10.2	18	260t	40	408	12-25, 600-UNL, 8-25	NONE	SEARCH CONDUCTED FOR YR 70, LOCATED AIR PLOT ASTORIA AND COAST GUARD NOTIFIED, STOOD BY UNTIL RELIEVED BY ATH 24.
22	K79	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	ESCORT (1)	0944	13.0	11.9	19	270t	38	474	14-28, 1000-2000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED SS <u>BUSHMAN A. DAVIS</u>
22	K87	LT(JG) BABB (8)	SEARCH	0939	9.9	9.9	11	270t	50	495	9-19, 1500-2000, 25	NONE	SEARCHED FOR AND LOCATED SS SEGUIN AND YR 71, AIR PLOT ASTORIA AND COAST GUARD NOTIFIED.
22	K119	LT(JG) MACKAY (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	1258	3.0	3.0	17	220t	44	132	15-25, 1000-4000, 15	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS TILLAMOOK TO NAAS SHELTON.
23	K37	LIEUT. SUHR (8)	TRAINING	1036	9.3	8.7	12	245t	48	446	8-16, 2000-5000, UNL	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED, SHIP OUT OF OPERATING AREA. CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT.
23	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0959	12.9	12.3	9	270t	37	477	7-10, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED SS <u>AGRIAPHINE</u>

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COLUMN 4-AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1945
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK UNIT 06.2.1)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-45 (SERIAL 01) NW SEC WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SEBELTON, WASHINGTON

D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
23	K79	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9) ESCORT	(1) 0535	12.9	12.0	12	290	39	503	10-15, 3000, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>GENERAL L. B. STURGES</u> (AP 137)
23	K87	LIEUT. LEWIS	(10) ESCORT	(1) 0540	13.6	13.0	11	300	46	626	8-14, 3000, UNL	120 RDS 50 CAL 4 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS	ESCORTED SS <u>WASHFIELD</u>
23	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL	(8) UTILITY	0813	10.3	10.3	10	290	45	477	5-13, 1500-4000, 20	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS <u>WASHFIELD</u> (CVL 26)
24	K37	LT(JG) AYERS	(8) UTILITY	0708	7.7	7.7	38	120	35	270	15-46, 1000-2000, 20	2 MK 5 FLARES	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAB 13 ND AEREOLOGY DEPARTMENT.
24	K71	LIEUT. KLINK	(8) ASR PATROL ABLE	0712	6.3	5.8	27	150	36	227	22-31, 3000-5000, 25	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	ASR PATROL. POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE. BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLIST.
24	K79	LT(JG) BARR	(8) ASR PATROL BAKER	0734	6.2	5.6	28	150	52	322	20-35, 2000-3000, 20	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	ASR PATROL. POINT BROWN TO YACUINA HEAD, 10 MILES OFF SHORE. BOMB EXPLODED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
24	K87	LT(JG) ZIMALE	(8) ASR PATROL CHARLIE	0728	7.1	6.3	22	150	50	355	16-27, 5000, 20	1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	ASR PATROL. YACUINA HEAD TO CAPE BLANCO, 10 MILES OFF SHORE. AT THE REQUEST OF 3 LCHS GAVE THE THIRD POSITION AND NOTIFIED ALL SHIP. ASTORLY BOMB EXPLODED IN TRAINING.
24	K119	LT(JG) MACKAY	(7) MISCELLANEOUS	0828	4.8	4.8	10	170	33	158	7-15, 4000, UNL	NONE	FLIGHT FLIGHT FROM NAAS HEAD TO NAAS TILLAMOOK.
25	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS	(9) TRAINING	0635	5.1	5.1	45	100	20	102	45, UNL, 20	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	MISSION NOT CONTACTIVE DUE TO WEATHER; CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT. BOMBS EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
26	K79	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(9) TRAINING	0852	4.2	4.2	20	120	50	210	20, 2000, 30	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 100 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED TRAINING FLIGHT IN GUNNERY AREA 33, CONSISTING OF BOMBING RUNS, TRAPPING CIRCLES, AND GUNNERY PRACTICE, ASR TECHNIQUE.
26	K79	LIEUT. KLINK	(8) TRAINING	1319	3.8	3.8	5	180	50	190	3-10, UNL, UNL	125 RDS 50 CAL 13 MK 23 PHAC BOMB 2 MK 5 FLARES	CONDUCTED TRAINING FLIGHT IN GUNNERY AREA 25, CONSISTING OF BOMBING RUNS, TRAPPING CIRCLES, AND GUNNERY PRACTICE, ASR TECHNIQUE.
26	K87	LT(JG) ZIMALE	(8) UTILITY	0650	10.0	10.0	15	090	45	450	5-26, 600-UNL, UNL	120 RDS 50 CAL 160 RDS 50 CAL	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAB 13 ND AEREOLOGY DEPARTMENT.
26	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL	(7) UTILITY	0654	10.9	10.9	12	315	65	491	6-18, 6000, 15-UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS <u>WASHFIELD</u> (CVL 42)
27	K71	LT(JG) WHALSH	(9) ASR PATROL BAKER	0700	11.9	11.1	12	190	41	488	4-20, 600-UNL, 10-20	NONE	ASR PATROL. POINT BROWN TO YACUINA HEAD, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
27	K79	LT(JG) PRINCE	(9) ESCORT	(1) 0404	8.9	8.1	6	270	48	427	2-8, 1000-UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS <u>WASHFIELD</u> (CV 16)
27	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(9) TRAINING	1301	5.7	5.7	8	210	48	274	6-10, 500-5000, 5-20	60 RDS 50 CAL	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDING
27	K87	LIEUT. SUHR	(8) ASR PATROL ABLE	0919	10.2	9.6	10	210	40	408	6-15, 200-5000, 30	NONE	ASR PATROL. FROM POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
27	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL	(6) UTILITY	0855	8.3	8.3	18	210	38	315	5-15, 0-2000, 0-10	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNT.
28	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(8) UTILITY	0928	9.6	9.6	8	310	50	480	5-12, 4000-5000, 25	150 RDS 50 CAL 6 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS 3 MK 4 FLARES 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	OFF SHORE WEATHER REPORTING FLIGHT FOR NAB 13 ND AEREOLOGY DEPARTMENT. AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
28	K79	LT(JG) GALEE	(8) ASR PATROL CHARLIE	0923	9.8	8.9	10	310	50	490	2-23, 1500-6000, 6-20	2 MK 4 FLARES	ASR PATROL. YACUINA HEAD TO CAPE BLANCO, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
28	K87	LIEUT. KLINK	(9) ASR PATROL ABLE	0924	9.5	9.0	15	310	47	447	10-24, UNL, UNL	NONE	ASR PATROL. FROM POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
28	K119	LT(JG) MACKAY	(6) UTILITY	0847	7.8	7.8	12	310	40	312	10-14, 3000-5000, 15-25	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNT.
29	K71	LIEUT. LEWIS	(8) ASR PATROL CHARLIE	0730	11.6	11.1	20	020	30	348	16-25, 2000-6000, 25	NONE	ASR PATROL. YACUINA HEAD TO CAPE BLANCO, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
29	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(8) ASR PATROL ABLE	1430	4.8	4.3	8	310	43	206	6-10, 5000, 20	100 RDS 50 CAL	ASR PATROL. FROM POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.
29	K87	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9) UTILITY	0627	12.4	12.4	4	210	40	496	3-5, 6000-UNL, UNL	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNT.
29	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL	(11) UTILITY	1023	3.1	3.1	5	090	40	124	1-7, UNL, UNL	NONE	CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO OBSERVE AND PHOTOGRAPH TORPEDO FIRING. NAVY TOR- PEDO RANGE, KEYPORT, WASHINGTON

NOTE: COLUMN 10 - AVE. GROUND SPEED IN KNOTS. COLUMN 11 - TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN.
COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1965
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK UNIT 06.3.1)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-45 (SERIAL 01) NW SEC WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT		MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS													
						IN AIR	ON MISS- ION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.																		
30	K71	LT. COMDR. JENNINGS	(9)	TRAINING	1009	7.3	7.3	15	180t	60	438	7-35, 0-1000, 20	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE WEATHER CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT.													
30	K79	LIEUT. KLECK	(10)	ASR PATROL ABLE	0706	8.4	7.8	13	210t	40	336	5-21, 0-2000, 0-10	1 MK 41 DNTB BOMB 1 MK 47 DPTH BOMB 7 MK 4 FLARES	ASR PATROL. FROM POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE. AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.													
30	K87	LT(JG) ZIDRALE	(9)	ESCORT (1)	0401	13.9	13.1	18	240t	57	792	7-24, 100-UNL, 1-20	3 MK 4 FLARES	ESCORTED MS <u>TUSADAPI</u>													
31	K37	LT(JG) BIRGMIRE	(9)	TEST	1120	1.8	1.8	5	200t	30	54	2-10, 1000, 20	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES													
31	K37	LT(JG) PRIEST	(9)	TRAINING	1312	6.0	6.0	30	300t	33	198	30, 1000, 15	NONE	CONDUCTED PRACTICE LANDINGS													
31	K71	LIEUT. SUHR	(8)	ASR PATROL ABLE	1028	8.5	7.6	25	310t	45	383	20-35, 300-UNL, 30	NONE	ASR PATROL. FROM POINT BROWN TO CAPE FLATTERY, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.													
31	K87	LT(JG) ZOELLER	(8)	ASR PATROL CHARLIE	1032	8.6	7.5	20	300t	35	301	18-25, 5000, 20-UNL	NONE	ASR PATROL. YACUIDA HEAD TO CAPE BLANCO, 10 MILES OFF SHORE.													
31	K119	LT(JG) MURPHY	(8)	UTILITY	1019	4.7	4.7	14	210t	50	235	10-27, 4000, 15-30	NONE	OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LAB, PORT													

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COLUMN 3 - AFTER COMMAND PILOTS NAME, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD.
COLUMN 4 - AFTER ESCORT MISSION, SHOW, IN PARENTHESES, NUMBER OF VESSELS ESCORTED.

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1965

(MONTH)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

1 MARCH: K119 COMPLETED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K119 TOOK OFF ON A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. THE SEARCH WAS COMPLETED 2 MARCH. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K87 WAS REQUESTED BY JOC, SEATTLE, TO LOCATE LST 853 AND RELAY HER POSITION. THIS MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

2 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

3 MARCH: K87 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR MINE IN 43 30 N, 127 23 W. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

4 MARCH: K37 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K79 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K87 SEARCH CAPE BLANCO AREA ON REPORT OF EMERGENCY IFF SIGNAL. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

5 MARCH: K37 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K103 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

6 MARCH: K103 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

7 MARCH: K37 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K103 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

8 MARCH: K103 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 6. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K119 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PATROL OF XRAY 5. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

10 MARCH: K87 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS ALABAMA (BB 60) AND ALSO OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD. ON FLIGHT FROM NAS TILLAMOOK TO PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD TWO LIFE RAFTS WERE SIGHTED IN VICINITY OF MOUTH OF WILLAPA BAY. AIR PLOT, ASTORIA, WAS NOTIFIED.

11 MARCH: K119 AND K71 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YF 923 IN VICINITY OF 46 08 N, 126 35 W. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

12 MARCH: K37 WAS ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR YF 923 IN VICINITY OF JPAD 0016. YF 923 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED BY A PBM 38 MILES WEST OF GRAYS HARBOR. K103 AND K119 STOOD BY YF 923 UNTIL RELIEVED BY A COAST GUARD VESSEL.

13 MARCH: K87 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS ALABAMA (BB 60) IN VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

15 MARCH: K103 LOCATED TWO VALLEY FORD AND TOW AND TRANSMITTED POSITION TO AIR PLOT, ASTORIA

K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

16 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS ALABAMA (BB 60) AND ALSO OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

18 MARCH: K103 WHILE MAKING APPROACH TO BASE, ON RETURN FROM FLIGHT, CRASHED INTO TILLAMOOK BAY. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL WERE SUSTAINED. MAJOR DAMAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE AIRSHIP. CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO 90% PERSONNEL, 10% WEATHER.

20 MARCH: K79 AND K87 WERE ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR A YMS BETWEEN TILLAMOOK AND YALQUINA HEAD. THE SEARCH WAS DISCONTINUED WHEN THE YMS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED IN THE STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA. THE K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD

21 MARCH: K79 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR YF 71 WHICH WAS LOCATED AND POSITION TRANSMITTED TO AIR PLOT ASTORIA.

K119 CONDUCTED RADAR OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

22 MARCH: K87 SEARCH FOR AND LOCATED SS SEQUIN AND YF 71. AIR PLOT, ASTORIA AND COAST GUARD WERE NOTIFIED.

K71 SEARCHED FOR AND LOCATED YF 70 WHICH HAD BROKEN LOOSE FROM SS SEQUIN. THE COAST GUARD WAS NOTIFIED AND THE AIRSHIP STOOD BY UNTIL RELIEVED BY ATG 24.

23 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED CALIBRATION FOR USS MONTEREY (CVL 26) AND OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

24 MARCH: K87, WHILE ON AIR SEA RESCUE PATROL, WAS REQUESTED BY 3 USCs TO GIVE THEM THEIR POSITION. THIS REQUEST WAS COMPLIED WITH.

26 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS NASHVILLE (CL 43)

28 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED RADAR OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD

29 MARCH: K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

29 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED FLIGHT TO PHOTOGRAPH AND OBSERVE TORPEDO FIRING, NAVY-TORPEDO RANGE, KEYPORT, WASHINGTON.

31 MARCH: K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS						AIRSHIP OPERATIONS						PILOT FLIGHT DATA								
MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	PILOT CLASS	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS	AVE PILOTS AS'GN'D	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGH-EST HOURS	LOW-EST HOURS	
	DAY	NITE	IN AIR	ON MISSION	FLOWN		DAY	NITE		IN AIR	MISSION	FLOWN								
ESCORT	24	1	282.5	265.5	12705	K-37	23	1	26	192.8	183.9	8137	SENIOR	151	16	1493.2	99.3	126.0	18.9	
ESCORT-PATROL						K-71	23	0	28	219.4	208.2	9190	JUNIOR	97	9	926.2	102.9	118.9	18.7	
PATROL	36	0	347.7	322.3	14365	K-79	20	0	25	166.1	157.7	7450	TOTAL		45	3613.5	80.3			
PATROL-UTILITY						K-87	25	0	31	246.4	238.1	10638	AVERAGE NUMBER OF AIRSHIPS ASSIGNED (A) 5.8 (B) 0							
SEARCH	12	3	157.6	157.6	6259	K-103	14	0	18	158.7	150.6	6845	TOTAL NUMBER SURFACE VESSELS ESCORTED 40							
SEARCH-PATROL	7	0	61.5	55.6	2561	K-119	21	3	31	202.0	198.5	8305	ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES							
TRAINING	11	0	73.5	73.5	3357	K-							DEPTH BOMBS			41				
TRAINING-PATROL						K-							MINIATURE BOMBS			35				
UTILITY	26	0	222.8	222.8	9585	K-							50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN			1259				
TEST	3	0	7.5	7.5	203	K-							BRONZE SLICKS			1				
MISC. (KERRY 6)	7	0	32.3	32.3	1530	K-							FLOAT LIGHTS			42				
TOTAL	130	126	4	1185.4	1137.1	50565	TOTAL	126	4	159	1185.4	1137.1	50565	PYROTECHNICS			0			

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN-NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

(B) IS WING POOL AIRSHIPS AND IS INCLUDED IN (A)

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